



Ninilchik Traditional Council

The Ninilchik Tribe traces its roots back to the first Native communities located around the Cook Inlet and surrounding area. Tribal boundaries extend from South of the Kasilof River to Homer and East from the Caribou Hills across the Cook Inlet to Mt. Redoubt.

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The Ninilchik
Traditional
Council Offices
will be
Closed
On
Monday
February 21,
2005
For
President's Day



Elders Council Meeting

The next scheduled Elders Council meeting will be on
March 16th, 2005 at the Subsistence Building at 11:00 a.m.
(right before the Elders Luncheon)

All Tribal Elders are welcome to attend these meetings.

Your input matters!

There is a \$25.00 Door Prize, so come and join us!

Then, enjoy lunch cooked by Anna Grant, Elders Outreach Coordinator.

Regular Council Meeting

The next Ninilchik Traditional Council Regular Council Meeting
will be held on

February 3, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.

in the Conference Room at the NTC main office.

Regular Council Meetings are open to all Tribal Members.

Please call if you have any questions.

567-3313



NOTICE TO:

TRIBAL ELDERS/DISABLED MEMBERS

NTC Elders Outreach Program has a few volunteers that will shovel snow and possible roof clearing. If you are in need of shoveling, clearing, etc. Please call

Elders Outreach Program Manager, Anna Grant

Phone: 567-3970 Ext. 1013

Thank you.

NTC TRIBAL SERVICES



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Jr. Native Youth Olympic Team

This month has been an exciting month for the Jr. Native Youth Olympics Team. On January 3rd, 2005 the team traveled to Kenai to participate in the 'Mini Competition' sponsored by the Kenaitze Tribe. It was great fun and a chance for participants to work on their events for State Competition.

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*On January 7-9th the NYO Team traveled to Anchorage to compete at the State Competition. We had 5 participants for the Ninilchik NYO Team.*

*Everyone excelled with their personal best scores and Team Player, Scott Goins brought home a 3rd place medal for the scissor broad jump event.*

*Way to go TEAM!*





## Executive Director's Address

### NINILCHIK TRADITIONAL COUNCIL GOVERNING BODY OF THE NINILCHIK TRIBE

**New Employee!** Congratulations to Danielle Self. She has recently been hired as the Housing Assistant and is doing a wonderful job. Please make her feel welcome as she works to assist and enhance the Housing programs.

**Clinic Expansion!** As many of you have noticed, our clinic expansion project is nearing completion. It is anticipated that we will move in during the first part of March 2005. We are also in the process of hiring an Alcohol Program Community Helper. In addition, NTC's Alcohol Program Director, Charlene Florence, has been certified as a Prime for Life trainer. This means that Char is certified to do classes for youth who have been convicted of under age drinking. Currently, Char is the only one on the peninsula who is certified to do this class and I congratulate her on her certification.

**Out Of The Office!** I will be out of the office February 9th –11th, 2005 and also from February 21st—25th, due to Alaska Federation of Natives and Alaska Native Health Board meetings in Washington D.C. and Juneau. It is a great honor and privilege to represent the Cook Inlet Villages at the Statewide level. As always, please feel free to contact Sarah, Christina or Maria in my absence, as they are charged with filling in for me during my time away from the office.

**640 Acre Land Transfer!** Many of you may have received a bulletin regarding the Ninilchik Native Association, Inc. and a the land transfer to NTC. Please be aware of the truth regarding this effort. First and foremost, NTC needs a land base for our activities. Under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, tribes did not receive one ounce of land. Currently, under the leadership of our Tribal Services Department, we have worked very hard to conduct culturally appropriate activities. They have lead efforts in providing a moose hunt for the youth, as well as many fishing activities and camps. NTC is desperately in need of land for our youth and for the future of NTC. CIRI and Cook Inlet Tribal Council are even providing a youth camp in our Tribal boundaries, although, we haven't been able to provide such an activity. The land transfer is about our children's future, not about personal gain. The land would be owned by you the members. How can anyone personally gain from an effort that would address our children's future and the membership as a whole?

The corporation would not give the land away for free. We have negotiated with NNAI to give them \$2,000 per year to their scholarship fund and maintain the Road access to the area. Had NTC been responsible for road maintenance on NNAI's land, the road repairs would have been funded by the Federal Government and most likely been completed. Yet, many of the roads are impassable. In addition, NTC contributes approximately \$50,000 per year to manage the resources on NNAI lands. Are they really giving land away as some shareholders claim?

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**640 Acres (Continued)!** The truth is that we have been working on this for years. NTC has two separate attorney opinions that validate this concept and we have been putting our best foot forward in an effort that will benefit the shareholders and Ninilchik exponentially. Cook Inlet Region Inc. donated a piece of property to the non-profit Cook Inlet Tribal Council which was valued at approximately one and a half million dollars, but it is estimated to be worth much more than that now. Why are some at the village corporation crying foul at a legitimate effort to help our people? Did CIRI shareholders vote, or did CIRI shareholders publicly chastise the corporation for their efforts? Those who write publicly that this is a free giveaway of land need to do their homework. If NTC was to give NNAI \$2,000 per year, maintain the road and continue providing resource management services at the tune of approximately \$50,000 per year; is that free? Please contact me here at the office or at home (907) 567-3300 for the truth behind our efforts to get land for the tribe. The corporation has a chance to satisfy their 14 (c)3 obligations and also get a tax benefits for this transfer. Both which would greatly enhance the status and position of the corporation. I believe this is and continues to be a very valid and responsible effort.

**Possible Water Grant!** We have heard many concerns regarding the grind and inject well which is operated by the oil company here in Ninilchik. This has been a major issue of discussion and contention as many are wondering what is going on. NTC has been targeted as needing to do something about this effort. Even though this is not our land, we have applied for a water grant to actually drill wells around the site and test the water quality to insure that nothing is permeating in the water supply. As always, we are on top of the situation and we are making great strides to protect our environment. Bruce Oskolkoff heads up our environmental division and Darrel Williams now heads up our resource division. These two have provided excellent leadership and strength in administering their respective programs. Don't hesitate to contact them regarding the status of their programs that they are working hard to provide for you. Hopefully we will be successful in getting this grant for actual well drilling and monitoring. Thank You.

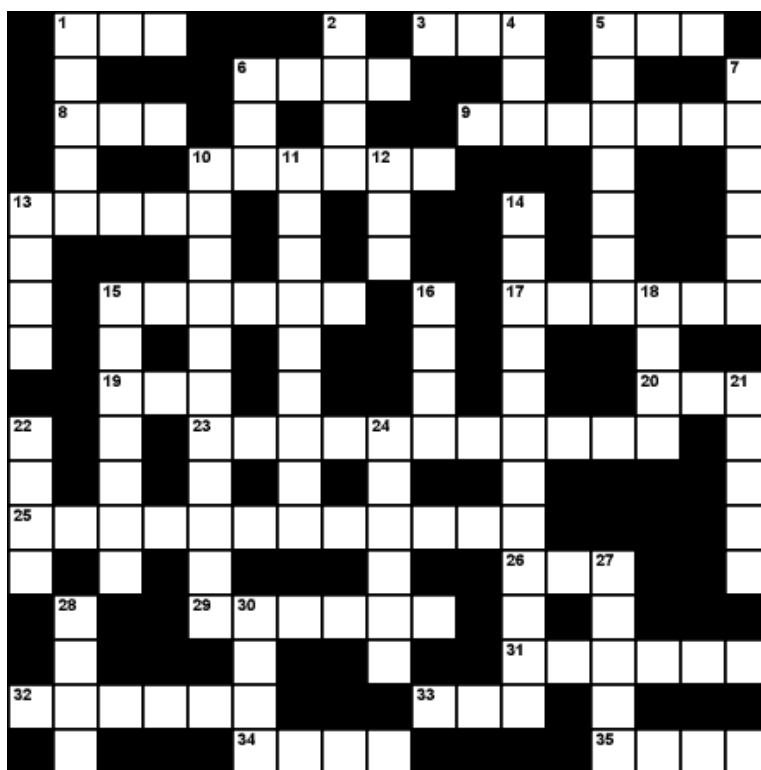
Sincerely



Ivan Encelewski  
Executive Director

Don't forget our website!

[www.ninilchiktribe-nsn.gov](http://www.ninilchiktribe-nsn.gov)

**Critters (medium crossword puzzle, 5/30/04)**by [RangeNet.org](http://RangeNet.org)**Across**

1. Bear's foot
3. Snakelike fish
5. Female bison
6. Pappa bear
8. Mouse's larger cousin
9. Ape
10. Male goose
13. Nature's tank
15. Bobby for one
17. Seek out
19. Fish arm
20. Baby bear
23. Whitewater enthusiast
25. Alabama's state bird
26. Woodsy for one
29. Eagles toenails
31. Escargot
32. Gila monster's home
33. Gorilla
34. Sea lion's cousin
35. Wolf's call

**Down**

1. Sit upon
2. Kind of hornet
4. Lion's zodiac sign
5. Microscopic tormentor lacking any redeeming value
6. feathered neckpiece snake
7. Rock percher
10. California's state fish
11. Pharoh's big sunfish
12. Pre-bird
13. Fishy nest
14. Pennsylvania's state bird
15. Bison (slang)
16. Baby deer
18. Antlers (slang)
21. Florida's bear
22. Large antelope
24. Richest mink
27. Bloodsucking wiggler
28. Alpine wild goat
30. Aphid farmers

Web page created by [Crossword Compiler](http://Crossword Compiler).



## NEWS AND INFORMATION

### KPC Kenai Peninsula College Learning Center

Want your GED? (General Education Diploma)

How about improving your basic skills?

A representative from Kenai Peninsula College Learning Center can come to Ninilchik to help you with your educational questions.

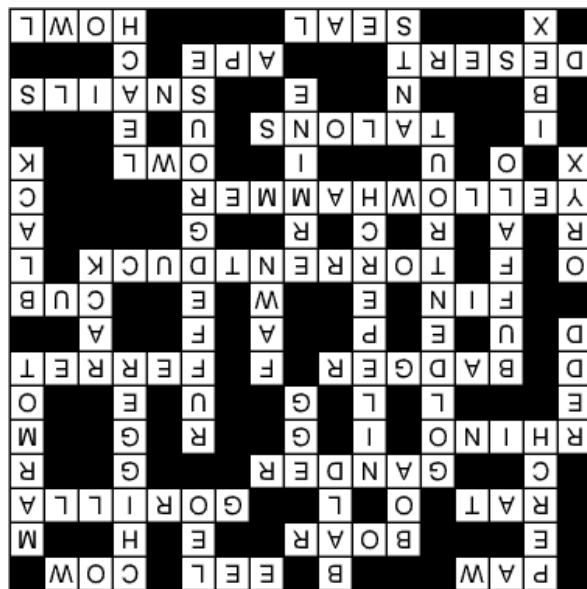
**CALL: Kenai Peninsula College at 262-0328** for information or to schedule an appointment.

We can provide information on:

- How to earn your GED
- How to Improve your English and math skills
- Provide information on the Adult Basic Education Program, distance education, or other educational opportunities.

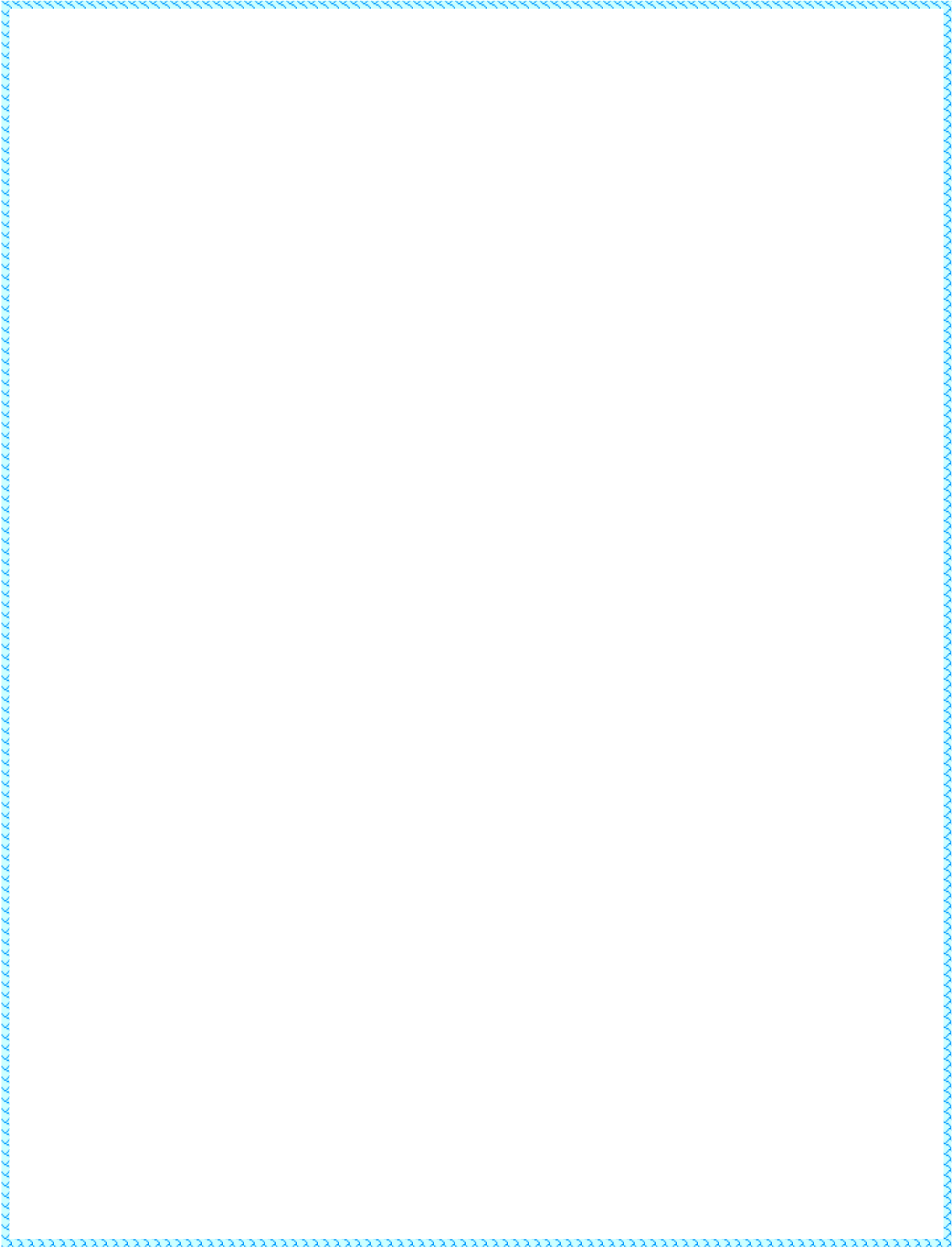


We hope you have enjoyed the crossword puzzle as a new item in the newsletter. We do not want you to have to wait until next month for the answers, so .....here you go!



**Website of the Month: <http://www.anchorage.net/764.cfm>**

**Check out this site for information on the  
Native Sr. Youth Olympics Competition to be held in Anchorage!**



## ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE

### How drinking water standards protect children.

EPA's current drinking water standards are designed to protect children and adults. The standards take into account the potential effects of contaminants on segments of the population that are most at risk. When EPA sets each standard, the agency conducts a risk assessment, in which scientists evaluate whether fetuses, infants, children, or other groups are more vulnerable to a contaminant than the general population. The standard is set to protect the most vulnerable group.

Often, children are *not* the most vulnerable group. For example, even though children may be more vulnerable to microbial contaminants than the general public, people with weakened immune systems are *even more* at risk. People with weakened immune systems include those who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, such as lupus or Crohn's disease, or those under-going chemotherapy. (For more information see the EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's joint guidance on the microbial pathogen, *Cryptosporidium*, called "Guidance for People with Severely Weakened Immune Systems." It is available by calling the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at

[www.epa.gov/safewater/crypto.html](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/crypto.html).) If EPA finds that children are the most vulnerable, their risk becomes the most important factor considered in developing the standard. Standards for lead, nitrates, and nitrites are specifically based on risk to children because they are the most vulnerable to these contaminants. If a group other than children is the most sensitive, children are automatically protected.

For most drinking water contaminants EPA regulates, there is little data to indicate whether children are more sensitive than the general public. However, EPA is undertaking research to address this important issue. Children, especially infants, drink more fluid per pound of body weight than adults. Very young children's immune systems are not yet fully developed, making them less able than healthy adults to fight microbes in drinking water. These microbes may induce diarrhea and vomiting, which may cause children to become dehydrated more quickly than adults. Children may also be more susceptible to chemical contaminants that affect learning, motor skills, and sex hormones during important stages of growth.

Despite high confidence in existing standards, EPA is conducting additional research regarding possible impacts of various contaminants on children and other vulnerable populations, and on new and emerging contaminants. For example, EPA is conducting risk assessments that will consider infants' and children's sensitivity and exposure to certain pesticides. EPA is committed to using the best available, peer-reviewed science and data in developing new standards and reevaluating existing ones. Also, EPA continues to monitor localized health problems, including outbreaks caused by microbial contaminants in drinking water and other health problems that may be associated with other contaminants (e.g., solvents and other industrial chemicals).

Federal, state and tribal governments, in partnership with public water systems, are continuously working to ensure tap water safety. In fact, 1999 marks the 25th year of public health protection under the Safe Drinking Water Act. This statute gives EPA the authority to set enforceable drinking water standards for public water systems. EPA has set standards for 90 chemical, microbiological, radiological, and physical contaminants in drinking water. Public water systems must monitor water according to specific schedules, and deliver water that meets all standards. EPA is required by the Safe Drinking Water Act to focus on the contaminants that pose the greatest public health risk, in setting national standards.



## Group Workcamps (Home Repair)

400 or more young people take a week during the summer to serve a community by using their hands. And God's hand touches their hearts.

They arrive curious. Energized. Maybe a little intimidated. But soon they're repairing a sagging porch, painting a house, or building a wheelchair ramp and having the time of their lives! They're meeting new people, hearing new stories, and telling their own. They sweat together, eat together and worship together.

- **Experience the thrill of accomplishment through hands-on home repair (no special skills needed!)** You and your youth group don't have to be construction gurus at a Group Workcamp. Workcampers of varying skill levels work blend talents to paint, repair drywall, build porches and wheelchair ramps, and more. Your work project is designed to be completed during the week, so you can experience the satisfaction of a job well done. And you'll also gain valuable construction skills that are yours for a lifetime.
- **Create a new friend while making their home warmer, safer and drier.** Some of the elderly, disabled or disadvantaged people you'll serve have to choose between putting food on the table or fixing a leaky roof. They simply can't afford the minor repairs their aging homes need, or they're not physically able to tackle repair projects. Others have seen their homes damaged by natural disasters. Whatever the circumstance, your young people will experience firsthand the reward of sharing their Christian faith through their actions and developing new, meaningful friendship with the local resident they serve.
- **Discover inspiring, youth-friendly evening programs and worship (from the staff of Group Magazine)** You won't experience a sleep-inducing "shoot from the hip" program your time and investment are worth much more than that. Each year, we design an awesome, meaningful program that is tested with kids and youth workers. We throw out all the stuff that didn't work, and then go back to the drawing board, creating new program elements and testing it again. The outcome is an inspiring, faith-boosting program with great music, top-quality video, games and challenging presentations. Each Workcamp includes top-quality Music Leader and program leader.
- **Re-assure your parents and church safety is a priority!** Creating a safe environment for young people is foundational to providing a week of spiritual growth without distractions. That's why all staff are pre-screened with background checks, proper safety equipment is required, safety videos educate participants on worksite safety, safety guidelines are published for volunteers staff Workcampers, tailgate safety checks are conducted at each worksite, and every work team of 5 or 6 includes at least one adult. Your safety is top priority.
- **It's fun! Experience the awesome energy of hundreds of campers!** Group Workcamps can be one of the most meaningful times your youth group will ever experience and that means a good balance of Christian service, spiritual growth and loads of fun! Youth group members tell us how serving in itself is fun, along with meeting lots of new friends. Blocks of free time let you relax or connect with friends as you wish. And on Wednesday afternoon, you and your kids are free to visit local attractions or just kick back. You may even consider adding a day or two to one end of the trip for recreation or excursions.
- **We sweat the details so you don't have to.** Imagine all the details involved when 400 people work on construction projects at more than 60 worksites in a community it's a lot of work requiring mature, trained staff. To make more experience the best it can be, we take great effort to cross the "T's" and dot the "I's". Each worksite is visited, detailed job descriptions written, tool and material needs calculated, and materials delivered to worksites. And skilled Troubleshooters will visit your worksite to offer guidance and encouragement. Group Workcamps takes care of all the details (even the cooking and cleaning), so that you can spend your time concentrating on your most important thing - your students!
- **Grow closer to Jesus.** More than 94% of campers said they grew closer to God through their Group camp experience. You'll experience a mission of service and love where the "service" is secondary to "spiritual growth". Meaningful worship and devotions help to integrate service with faith, and cement the lessons learned during the week. The #1 goal is to provide an opportunity for God to work in the hearts of your young people. The byproduct is great service for people in need.
- For More information on the Group Workcamp, please visit [www.groupworkcamps.com](http://www.groupworkcamps.com)

## HOUSING



"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." Thomas Alva Edison

Hello everyone,

**It's a go!** The "Group Workcamps" which I have written about in previous newsletters is official going to happen this next summer. I am now in need of now forming a list of Elderly or Disabled that live within 30 minutes travel time of Ninilchik to contact me if interested. I will briefly describe what the program is about and ask that you please send in the form below so I can put you on the list and contact you with the details. The groups will be staying at the Ninilchik School and the Fair Grounds. The Workcamps is scheduled to come into Ninilchik from July 9th, and leaving July 16<sup>th</sup>. During that time they would like to concentrate on 30 to 60 homes that we have already scheduled for them to work on.

*Group Workcamps is a Christian based program, working to install faith in today's youth, though having them help the Elderly, Disabled or Low-Income by doing home repairs or improvements, such as exterior/interior painting, siding, gutters repair, skirting, installing or repairing access ramp/s, roof repairs, porch and deck repairs, weatherization with insulation and caulking. All work is supervised to insure that it is done correctly. Now the amazing part of this story is these kids will actually be paying \$600.00 apiece to come here to Ninilchik to do this and will be coming in a work force of around 200 kids for a week. The \$600.00 that they pay will go to pay for their food, but it will also will be paying for the building supplies to do the work on your homes. There is absolutely no cost to the applicants for the supplies or the work and the group covers its own insurance and liability coverage for workers and staff. The same crews will be assigned to the same job until it is done. This is so you will be able to get to know each other.*

*Materials will be delivered to your home prior to the arrival of Workcamps and you will be responsible for securing them until they begin work. Some residents may be willing or able to purchase a portion of their own materials and if so the resident should purchase them and have them onsite by the morning of the first workday.*

*If interested Please Fill out the below form and drop off at the main NTC building or mail it to me at the address listed to the side. And if you should have questions please feel free to call me at 907 567-3313 Fx: 567-3308. Well until next month take care and get those request into me.  
Bob ☺*

NIHP

Attention: Bob Crosby

P.O. Box 39070

Ninilchik, AK 99639

### **Group Workcamps Request for work.**

Please return to Bob Crosby at the Ninilchik Traditional Council Building.

*Work Type. List the type of work you would like done by number, with 1 being the most important.*

*This is not a guarantee that work will be done. Selected worksites could be canceled.*

- |                  |                  |            |                   |
|------------------|------------------|------------|-------------------|
| ▶ Drywall        | ▶ Interior Paint | ▶ Siding   | ▶ Weatherization  |
| ▶ Gutters/Fascia | ▶ Porch          | ▶ Steps    | ▶ Wheelchair Ramp |
| ▶ Exterior Paint | ▶ Roof           | ▶ Skirting | ▶ Other           |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Resource Development** Box 39375 Ninilchik, AK 99639. Phone: WRONG # Fax: (907)-567-3530  
E-mail rdc1@alaska.net. Cell: 398-3521 or 398-0044

**Starving Artist Studio** Mile 134.5 Sterling Highway, Ninilchik, AK 99639. Art and gift shop of local Ninilchik artisan Nick Cooper. Phone: 907-567-3348

**Jackson Enterprises** *Scott Jackson Owner* Home Heating Oil Delivery to Ninilchik area.  
Phone: 262-4159 ~ Cell: 398-4157 ~ Fax: 262-4130

### Alaska Trivia:

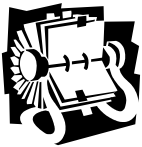
*What is Alaska's Official State Sport?*

Answer: Dog Mushing



**Ninilchik Traditional Council**  
**Box 39070**  
**Ninilchik, AK 99639**

*January 2005*



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Sponsor for the following tribal members: \_\_\_\_\_

Has there been a name change? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, by ☐ Marriage ☐ Divorce ☐ Adoption

Old name: \_\_\_\_\_ New Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If there has been a name change, please send in the legal document which authorizes your name change (i.e., marriage certificate or divorce decree).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (of Tribal member or Parent/Spouse) Date

Is your address current? Tribal member address changes must be submitted in writing to the NTC Enrollment Office in order to assure that the distribution of pertinent information can be sent to the correct address. The Enrollment officer or other staff may not modify an enrollment file in any fashion even if it is known that the file may not be up to date.